

Application Serial No. 10/076,335
Amendment B
Reply to Office Action of October 5, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated October 5, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire January 5, 2005, wherein:

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 12, and 21-28 were previously pending;

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 12, 21, and 23-27 were rejected; and

Claims 22 and 28 were objected to.

In this paper, claims 1, 7, 9, and 24 have been amended, claims 22 and 28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and no claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 12, 21, and 23-27 remain currently pending in the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by this amendment and respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Indicated Allowable Subject Matter

In the present Office Action, dependent claims 22 and 28 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims but indicated as being otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations or elements of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. In accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 9, and 24 to include the substantive limitations previously recited by Applicants' claims 22 and 28. All remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 9, or 24 and Applicants therefore respectfully submit that all claims are allowable in view of the Examiner's cited references.

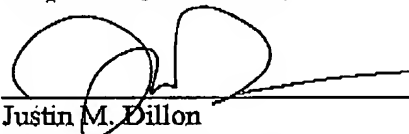
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CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully solicit notice thereof.

No extension of time for this response is believed to be necessary. In the event an extension of time is required however, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fees associated with any required extensions of time as well as any other fees necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM CORPORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 09-0447**.

Respectfully submitted,



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